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## SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. ....

S. 1, Special Branch

## REPORT

Date September 26, 1939.

Subject. Communication dated 18-9-39 from the Netherlands Consulate-General concerning Mr. L. Fisman.

Made by. D.S.I. Prokofiev

Forwarded by.

*R. W. Mac Cullough*

Leonard Onisim FISMAN (FISHMAN), former Russian of Jewish origin, born on April 16, 1919 at Manchouli, Manchuria. According to his own statement, his father, Onisim Fishman, who died in Mongolia in 1923, was born at Soroka, Bessarabia, which formerly belonged to Russia and since 1920 forms a part of Rumania. Hence his claim to the Rumanian nationality, although he never was in Rumania and does not speak the Rumanian language.

He is reported to have arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin about two months ago. When registering with the local Rumanian Association he stated that prior to his coming to Shanghai he resided together with his mother in Tientsin for 16 years, his last known address in that city being 34/6 Dublin Road. Upon graduating from a local grammar school he attended a business college for a period and in 1938-1939 is reported to have been employed with Y. Wutaka & Company, Coal Dealers, 54 Via Firenze, I.C., Tientsin.

From various documents available at the local Rumanian Association it appears that Fishman has, since 1936, been in correspondence with the Royal Rumanian Legation in Japan, as well as with his relatives in Rumania with a view to the establishing his claim to the Rumanian nationality. It also appears that it is by no means certain that he will be successful in this.

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Being a recent arrival in Shanghai he is practically unknown in the local Rumanian community. No information is also available as to his financial standing, although it is significant that he asked for a reduction of the usual registration fees (\$5.00).

While in Shanghai he did not come to the notice of the Municipal Police in connection with any activities of an undesirable character.

*A. Prokofiev*  
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Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 2829 dated September 18, 1939, and to state that nothing is known to the Municipal Police to the detriment of Mr. Leonard Fisman. A copy of police report is attached for information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner  
(Special Branch)

Consul-General for the Netherlands,  
Shanghai.



Consulaat-Generaal der Nederlanden voor Midden-China

Tel.: "M. Hollandia"

Telefoon: 801356

No. 2829.

Shanghai, 18 September 1939.

26 Rue de France

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Mr. LEONARD FISMAN has applied to this Consulate-General for a visé for admission into the Netherlands Indies.

Fisman is in possession of a Certificate of Nationality No. 1C7 issued by the Roumanian Association at Shanghai.

He was born at Manchouli on April 16, 1919.

During the last 14 years he has been residing in Tientsin where he was connected with the Ta Tung Mining Corporation and since 1<sup>st</sup> month he resides in Shanghai at No. 10 Route de Grouchy.

He has applied for a passport at Tokyo and intends to visit the Netherlands Indies for one month for business purposes (piece goods).

According to his statement he disposes of C\$ 8000.---.

I should be obliged to you if you would let me know, if possible, whether anything is known against this person from a political or moral point of view.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

  
R.H. Allen  
Vice-Consul  
for Consul-General.

To the Deputy Commissioner,

Special Branch, Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

D.S.B. Roshofed  
from 19/9.